

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b> Taisuke HIROOKA et al. <b>Application No.:</b> 10/559,704 <b>Confirmation No.:</b> 1845 <b>Filed:</b> December 7, 2005 <b>Title:</b> SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER (as amended)	<b>Art Unit:</b> 2627 <b>Examiner:</b> C. Garcia
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.